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"(*b*) Only the American Consulate-General at Madras. The American Consulate-General, Madras, is supplied with a copy of the report with reference to a special request received from the Consulate for certain annual administration reports which are published and supplied to newspapers."

10-10 a.m. SRI T. POTHA RAJU :—"May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that the Embassy in question asked for the following information also, namely, the total number of political prisoners, especially Leftists, Communists and others, the sphere of their activities and their political life? If it is a fact may I know whether the Government gave information on these to the American Embassy?"

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—"Sir, the report supplied was the same as that supplied to the hon. Member also. It is a general review of the Jail administration only."

(Many hon. Members stood up in their places.)

MR. SPEAKER :—"The next two questions are more or less similar to this. I will allow hon. Members to put supplementaries at the end of the last question."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—"Sir, the Hon. Minister did not give an answer to the question put to him last. The question was specific. The hon. Member asked for particular information from the Hon. Minister whether the American Embassy asked for any specific information from the Hon. Minister or his department about certain Leftist prisoners inside the Jail and the sphere of their activities. The Hon. Minister could have said 'Yes' or 'No' to it. But let him not say that the information is in the report. The question was about the information asked by the American gentleman."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—"Sir, we do not supply such information and they have never asked for such information. They are not entitled to ask us for such particulars."

Supply of Administration Report of Jails to the American Consul, Madras.

* 657 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state the reasons for sending officially a copy of Government Order No. 3405, Home, dated 22nd September 1952, forwarding Administration Report of Jails for 1951 to the American Consul, Madras, and also for making a special reference to the same in the Government Order itself?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—"Even from 1945, a copy of the Jail Administration Report is being supplied annually to the American Consul (now Consul-General), Madras, as he requested to be supplied with copies of Administration Reports which are not confidential and are published and sent to local newspapers. The request is

being complied with but the entry at the foot of the Government Order originally made because of special reasons is being unnecessarily repeated and will not be done in future."

Supply of Jails Administration Report for 1951 *to American Consul at Madras.*

* 658 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a copy of Jails Administration Report for 1951 was sent to American Consul at Madras;

(*b*) whether any enclosures were sent along with it;

(*c*) if so, whether the copies of such enclosures would be placed on the table of the House;

(*d*) why such reports are sent to representatives of foreign Governments;

(*e*) whether our Government received such reports from American or any other foreign Government; and

(*f*) if so, what are those Governments?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

"(*c*) The enclosure sent is a copy of the Government Order recording the report and of the summary of the salient features in the report. Copies of the full report have already been distributed to all the Members of the House.

" (*d*) Annual Administration Reports on Jails and certain other administration reports are sent to the American Consulate-General at Madras with reference to a request received from him for such reports which are published or made available to the local press. The administration report on Jails is not supplied to any other Representative of foreign Governments.

" (*e*) No administration reports on Jails have been asked for or are received from foreign Governments.

" (*f*) Does not arise."

* SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY:—" Sir, I would like to know whether any other foreign Embassy asked for a copy of that Report? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—" I have answered that nobody applied."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" May I add to that answer, Sir? When anybody applies for it, it will be given. Our administration is an open administration."